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SUBJ: TENDER FOR KOEBERG NUCLEAR POWER STATION

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(B) PRETORIA 3497 AND PREVIOUS

SUMMARY: SA NUCLEAR POWER STATION TENDER SUBMISSION DIVIDED INTO INITIAL INQUIRY NINE FIRMS, INCLUDING FOUR AMERICAN, FROM WHICH ABOUT FOUR TO BE ASKED SUBMIT FULLY DETAILED TENDERS. PLANS NOW RPT NOW CALL FOR TWO 1000 MEGAWATT GENERATING UNITS AS INDICATED ESCOM PRESS RELEASE. END SUMMARY.

1. SOUTH AFRICA ATOMIC ENERGY BOARD VICE PRESIDENT HIGO HAS CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF THAT ESCOM (ELECTRICITY AND SUPPLY COMMISSION) RELEASED INITIAL TENDER INQUIRIES FEBRUARY 20 TO FOUR UNITED STATES, ONE GERMAN, ONE BRITISH, ONE FRENCH, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND TWO JAPANESE FIRMS AS CONSORTIA FOR SUPPLY AND CON-

STRUCTION OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANT AT KOEBERG, TO BE COMPLETED
1982.

2. TENDER PROCEDURE BEING HANDLED IN TWO STAGES. REQUESTS
FOR INITIAL SUBMISSIONS WERE LIMITED IN SCOPE TO AVOID PUTTING
FIRMS TO LARGE EXPENSE OF COMPLETE AND DETAILED SUBMISSION
BUT OF SUCH NATURE AS TO PROVIDE BASIS FOR NARROWING FIELD
TO FOUR OR SO FIRMS WHICH WOULD BE ASKED SUBMIT FULLY DETAILED
TENDERS FOR CONSIDERATION.

3. HUGO REVIEWED HISTORY OF STUDIES OF ECONOMICS FEASIBILITY
OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS FOR SA. EARLIER STUDIES CONTEMPLATED
AROUND 500 MEGAWATT PLANTS DUE GRID AND OVERALL CAPACITY
LIMITATIONS. PLANS NOW RPT NOW CALL FOR 1000 MEGAWATT
GENERATING SET-UP COMPLETED IN 1982 FOLLOWED YEAR LATER
WITH SECOND 1000 MEGAWATT UNIT. THIS TIED IN NEATLY WITH
SIMULTANEOUS PROGRAMS FOR COAL FIRED PLANTS.

4. HUGO ALSO RECONFIRMED SAAEB STRONG CONSISTENT SUPPORT
FOR GO AHEAD, DESCRIBING ESCOM POSTPONEMENT ACTION YEAR AGO
AS "PULLING RUG OUT FROM UNDER."

5. HUGO OPINED CANADIANS WOULD BE ANNOYED THAT THEIR SYSTEM
NOT INVITED COMPETE. WHILE CANADIAN APPROACH HAD EXCELLENT
PERFORMANCE RECORD, THIS DESIGN DID NOT RPT NOT FIT IN WITH SA
CONDITIONS AND PLANS.
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